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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Stachurski et al
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 07/01/2002, please amend as shown on the attached sheets: "Version with markings to show changes made" and "Clean copy"..

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application with claims 2-4 new; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claim 1 was rejected as unpatentable over McCree. The Examiner cited column 5, line 39 through column 6, line 45.

Applicants reply that McCree does not suggest change of a selection between two predictors based on a prior predictor selection. Indeed, the pseudocode in column 6 states that the encoding method for the first gain depends upon the second gain values, but not on a prior encoding method for a prior first gain. Consequently, the reference does not suggest claim 1.

The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to as not clear as to what the invention is.